

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A skin care composition comprising:
 - a) from about 0.02% to about 2.5% of a hexamidine compound selected from the group consisting of hexamidine, its salts, isomers of hexamidine, tautomers of hexamidine; and derivatives;
 - b) from about 1% to about 5% ~~a safe and effective amount~~ of one or more skin care active selected from the group consisting of a vitamin B₃ compound; and
 - c) a dermatologically acceptable carrier for the hexamidine and the skin care active.
2. Cancelled
3. (Original) The skin care composition of Claim 1 wherein said composition comprises from about 0.001% to about 10%, by weight, of an additional skin care active selected from the group consisting of desquamatory actives, anti-acne actives, wrinkle repair actives, anti-oxidants, radical scavengers, chelators, anti-inflammatory agents, topical anesthetics, tanning actives, skin lightening agents, anti-cellulite agents, flavonoids, antimicrobial actives, antifungal actives, sunscreen actives, conditioning agents, and combinations thereof.
4. (Original) The skin care composition of Claim 1 wherein said composition is an emulsion.
5. (Original) The skin care composition of Claim 4 wherein the emulsion is selected from the group consisting of water-in-oil emulsions, oil-in-water emulsions, water-in-silicone emulsions, and combinations thereof.

6. (Withdrawn) A method of regulating the condition of mammalian keratinous tissue, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
7. (Withdrawn) A method of thickening the skin and/or preventing, retarding, and/or treating skin atrophy of a mammal, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal needing such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
8. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating the appearance of spider vessels and/or red blotchiness on mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal needing such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
9. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating the appearance of dark, under-eye circles and/or puffy eyes, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
10. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating sallowness of mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
11. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing and/or retarding tanning of mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.

12. (Withdrawn) A method of desquamating, exfoliating, and/or increasing turnover in mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
13. (Withdrawn) A method of regulating and/or reducing the size of pores in mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
14. (Withdrawn) A method of regulating the oily and/or shiny appearance of mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
15. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating hyperpigmentation, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
16. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating sagging of mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal needing such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
17. (Withdrawn) A method of softening and/or smoothing lips, hair and nails of a mammal, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the lips, hair, and nails of a mammal needing such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
18. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating itch of mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal needing such treatments the composition of Claim 1.

19. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating the appearance of fine lines and/or wrinkles in mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
20. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating skin dryness in mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment, the composition of Claim 1.
21. (Previously Presented) The skin care composition of Claim 1 further comprising a sugar amine.
22. (Previously presented) The skin care composition of claim 21 wherein said sugar amine is N-acetyl glucosamine and said vitamin B3 compound is niacinamide.
23. Cancelled
24. (Currently Amended) The skin care composition of Claim 1 ~~Claim-23~~ wherein said vitamin B₃ compound comprises niacinamide.
25. (Currently Amended) The skin care composition of Claim 1 ~~Claim-23~~ further comprising ascorbyl glucoside.
26. (Currently Amended) A skin care composition comprising:
 - a) from about 0.02% to about 2.5% of a hexamidine compound selected from the group consisting of hexamidine, its salts, isomers of hexamidine, and tautomers of hexamidine;

- b) from about 1% to about 5% ~~from about 0.01% to about 10%~~ of a vitamin B₃ compound;
- c) a panthenol compound; and
- d) a dermatologically acceptable carrier.

27. Cancelled

28. (Previously presented) The skin care composition of Claim 26 further comprising a vitamin E compound.

29. (Previously presented) The skin care composition of Claim 28 wherein said vitamin E compound comprises tocopherol acetate.

30. (Previously presented) The skin care composition of Claim 3 wherein the anti-cellulite agent is caffeine.

31. (Previously presented) The skin care composition of Claim 1 further comprising a retinoid.

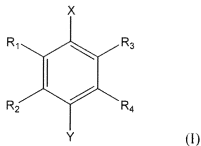
32. (Previously presented) The skin care composition of Claim 1 further comprising a peptide.

33. (Previously presented) The skin care composition of Claim 32 wherein the peptide is selected from a group consisting of dipeptides, tripeptides, tetrapeptides, and pentapeptides.

34. (Previously presented) The skin care composition of Claim 32 wherein the peptide is carnosine.

35. (Previously presented) The skin care composition of Claim 1 further comprising a phytosterol.

36. (Previously presented) The skin care composition of Claim 1 further comprising a compound according to formula (I):



wherein x is selected from the group consisting of OH and SH;

Y is selected from the group consisting of H, OH, OR₅, COOR₅, alkyl, cycloalkyl, heteroalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aromatic, heteroaromatic, carboxamido, sulfonamido, carbamate, urea, and trialkylsilyl;

R₁, R₂, R₃, and R₄ are selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, heteroalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aromatic, heteroaromatic, OR₅, carboxamido, sulfonamido, formyl, acyl, carboxyl, carboxylate, carbamate, urea, trialkylsilyl, hydroxyl, and hydrogen; and

R₅ is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, heteroalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aromatic, heteroaromatic, trialkylsilyl, acyl, and hydrogen.